PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77896

Tomoyuki MAEDA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1794

Confirmation No.: 9288

Examiner: Kevin M. BERNATZ

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For:

PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, MANUFACTURING

METHOD THEREFOR, AND MAGNETIC READ/WRITE APPARATUS USING THE

SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated January 5, 2009, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-8, 19 and 20 for examination in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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